GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4159
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2002
SBI PARLIAMENT STREET
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has brought into the knowledge of the Union Govt.that the State Bank of India, Parliament Street, New Delhi has not followed certain procedures to release the Rs. 3 crore cheque sent to the Governmentof India by Karnataka towards the Kargil martyrs fund;

(b) if so, the main faults made by the State Bank of India;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government`s complaint has been looked into; and

(d) if so, the action taken against those held responsible ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) to (d) :- State Bank of India (SBI) has reported thatGovernment of Karnataka Treasury cheque dated 11.11.1999 for Rs. 3 crores payable to National Defence Fund was received by SBI, New Delhi, Main Branch from Prime Minister`s Office (PMO) on 30.12.1999 and was sent for collection to Service Branch, Bangalore on the same day. As the cheque was required to be presented to District Treasury Officer (DTO) for endorsement before payment by Reserve Bankof India (RBI), Service Branch Bangalore returned the cheque to New Delhi Main Branch with the objection`Please get it endorsed by District Treasury, Bangalore` on 11th January, 2000. The cheque on its receipt by New Delhi Main Branchwas delivered back to PMO with the objection slip. On 10th December, 2001, the PMO forwarded a fresh Treasury Cheque of the Government of Karnataka dated6th December, 2001 for Rs. 3,36,49,143/- . When the said cheque was received by Service Branch, Bangalore on 13.12.2001, it sent the cheque toBangalore Branch for obtaining the endorsement of DTO and presented the cheque through clearing to RBI. The proceeds of the cheque were collected on 20.12.2001 and were promptly remitted to New Delhi Main Branch who in turn credited the amount to National Defence Fund on 27.12.2001 on receipt of payment advice from Service Branch, Bangalore.Both the Branches have followed the Bank`s extant collection procedures without delay.

In the light of the above, question of complaint/action taken does not arise.